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Fishery Information Section

Weekly Black Sea Bass Quota Report (No. 24)

Black Sea Bass Landings (pounds) for Quarter II (Apr-Jun 2000).

State	Late Entries	Week Ending 17-JUN-00	Period Cumulative Total (to date)	2000 Quarter II Quota	Percent Landed
ME	0	0	0		
NH	0	0	0		
MA	9,308	200	348,933		
RI	78	396	27,389		
CT	0	0	2,561		
NY	685	2,460	45,130		
NJ	9,371	0	173,690		
DE	0	0	23,802		
MD	0	0	167,604		
VA	0	0	155,669		
NC	0	344	15,932		
TOTAL	19,442	3,400	960,710	738,837	130.0

Notes:

Effective June 9, 2000, fishing vessels issued a federal moratorium permit for the black sea bass fishery may no longer land black sea bass for the remainder of the Quarter II Period.

If negative late entries are present on this report, they are the result of corrections made to the database.

For the week ending **17-JUN-00**, 198 dealers held a federal black sea bass permit. Of those 198 dealers, 149 (75%) have submitted a weekly quota report for the current reporting week. Because Massachusetts dealers submit weekly quota reports directly to the state, the number of dealers that reported from that state for week ending **17-JUN-00** were not included in these calculations.

These data are the best available to NMFS when this report was compiled. Data are supplied to NMFS by dealers and/or state agencies and may be preliminary.

The following summary is updated as information is received, and may not reflect recent state actions. Readers are urged to contact the appropriate state agency for further information.

State Information on Black Sea Bass (2000 Quarter II Quota Period)

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State/ Commonwealth	Closure status	Trip/Possession Limits (pounds)	Other Provisions/ Pending Changes	State Contact
Maine				Kerry Lyons 207-633-9510
New Hampshire				603-868-1095
Massachusetts	Closed	Effective 6/9/2000 through 6/30/2000, the commercial fishery for black sea bass in Massachusetts is closed.	Effective 7/1/2000, through the next three- month quarter, the trip limit for black sea bass in Massachusetts will be 2,000 lbs.	Dave Pierce 617-727-3193
Rhode Island		Effective 4/1/2000 through 9/30/2000, the possession limit for black sea bass in Rhode Island is 3,000 lbs.		April Valliere 401-222-3075 401-789-3094
Connecticut		Effective 4/1/2000 through 6/30/2000, the trip limit for black sea bass in Connecticut is 3,000 lbs.		Colleen Giannini 860-434-6043
New York	Closed	Effective Friday, 6/16/2000, and ending 2400 hrs on Friday, 6/30/2000, a closure for black sea bass landings by any holder of a New York Commercial Food Fish License in the State of New York.		John Mason 516-444-0453
New Jersey		Effective 5/26/2000 the commercial black sea bass trip limit for the second quarter (Apr-Jun 2000) is 3,000 lbs.	The trip limit for the third quarter(Jul-Sept 2000) will be 2,000 lbs and the trip limit for the fourth quarter (Oct-Dec 2000) will be 3,000 lbs.	Tom McCloy 609-292-2083
Delaware				Rick Cole 302-739-4782

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Maryland		Effective 0001 hrs on Friday, 6/9/2000, permitted vessels may not land black sea bass and dealers may not purchase black sea bass in the coastal region until the beginning of the third quarter (July-September) 2000.		Harley Speir 410-260-8303
Virginia		During the period April 1 through June 30 of each year, it shall be unlawful for any person to possess aboard any vessel or to land in Virginia more than 3,000 lbs of black sea bass, except when it is announced that the coastwide quota for this period has been reached.		Lewis Gillingham 757-247-2243
North Carolina	Closed	Effective 0001 hrs on Sunday, 6/11/2000 through 6/30/2000, no person or fishing operation may take, possess, land, sell or offer for sale black sea bass taken with commercial fishing equipment or for commercial purposes from the Atlantic Ocean north of Cape Hatteras.		Fentress "Red" Munden, 919-726-7021